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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH GOP ON TREATY IMPLEMENTATION

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1. DURING MEETING WITH GOP OUTLINED REFTTEL, WE HAVE INCLUDED PROPOSED AGENDA DISCUSSION OF MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN AND BROADEN CLIMATE OF COOPERATION AND WORKING PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN US AND PANAMANIAN NATIONALS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CONFIDENCE-BUILDING ACTIONS ALONG THIS LINE ARE NOW UNDERWAY OR CONTEMPLATED ON THE ISTHMUS. QUITE CLEARLY, OUR ABILITY TO MAKE THE TREATIES WORK PROPERLY DEPENDS TO A GREAT EXTENT ON THE ATTITUDES OF US AND PANAMANIAN PARTICIPANTS AT ALL LEVELS TOWARD
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THE FORTHCOMING CHANGES.

2. WE HAVE IN MIND FOR DISCUSSION UNILATERAL AND BILATERAL MEASURES DESIGNED TO FOSTER BETTER PERSONAL AND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE TYPE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THOSE PERSONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN PREPARATIONS FOR TREATY IMPLEMENTATION AS WELL AS THE AMERICAN AND PANAMANIAN COMMUNITIES IN

GENERAL. MEASURES MIGHT INCLUDE INCREASED EXPOSURE OF

THE TWO COMMUNITIES TO EACH OTHER THROUGH SPORTS COMPETITION, HOBBY CLUBS AND SPEAKER EXCHANGES, TOURS, THEATRICAL, MUSICAL AND ART SHOWS AND EXCHANGES, AND INFORMAL HOSPITALITY. DISCUSSION HOPEFULLY WILL LEAD TO RECIPROCAL IDEAS BY THE GOP, FOR EXAMPLE, TO HAVE THE GOP REPRESENTATIVES REITERATE THEIR STATEMENTS ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GOP INTENDS TO HAVE HIGH STANDARDS AND REQUIRE ENGLISH-SPEAKING PROFICIENCY FOR NATIONAL GUARD PATROLMEN WHO WILL NORMALLY COME INTO CONTACT WITH AMERICAN RESIDENTS OF THE FORMER CANAL ZONE.

3. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR VIEWS BY SEPTEMBER 13 AS TO WHAT TYPE OF ACTIONS ALONG THESE LINES ARE UNDERWAY OR CONTEMPLATED ON ISTHMUS AND WHAT SUGGESTIONS MIGHT BE MADE TO GOP DURING REFERENCE MEETING FOR JOINT OR UNILATERAL ACTIONS.

4. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH DOD. CHRISTOPHER

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